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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Tetsuo KUWABARA

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For: CALCIUM FLUORIDE CRYSTAL AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PRODUCING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination in accordance to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Prior to the examination of this case on the merits, Applicants respectfully request the entry of these amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.